# Maryland Numismatist

## MSNA 50 Years ANA Membership

***Annual Meeting***

***THURSDAY Nov. 9 at 5:30 PM Whitman Expo***

***Ballot and Exhibit Application Enclosed***

***Dues are Due! Renewal Form on Page 29***

**Autumn, 2023 Volume 51 – No. 3**

**The Maryland State Numismatic Association, Inc.**

**The *MARYLAND NUMISMATIST* is published three times annually by MSNA and is distributed to all members in good standing without additional cost.**

**http://mdstatenumisassn.org**

**********

# EDITOR

**Simcha Kuritzky**
**Post Office Box 13504**
**Silver Spring, MD 20911-3504**

**JoyousLion@gmail.com**

**********

The Board of Directors of MSNA is composed of the officers, past presidents and club representatives as listed to the right.

**********

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

**ANA # C-73593 LC-42**

**********

## LIFE MEMBER CLUBS

**#-1 Baltimore Coin Club**
**#-2 Carroll County Coin Club**
**#-3 Maryland Token & Medal Society**
**#-4 South Glen Burnie Coin Club**
**#-5 Colonial Coin Club**
**#-6 Bowie Coin Club**
**#-7 Western Maryland Coin Club**

## OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT**
**Edward Craig**
**Maryland Token and Medal Society**

**VICE PRESIDENT**
**Thomas Betsock**
**Montgomery County Coin Club**

**SECRETARY**
**Sandon Cohen**
**Baltimore Coin Club**

**TREASURER**
**Simcha Kuritzky, CPA**
**Washington Numismatic Society**

**********

## CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Each member club of MSNA shall appoint a representative who will serve on the Board and will exercise their club's vote on any matter arising.

**********

**PAST PRESIDENTS:**
**Thomas Betsock**
**Jack Schadegg**
**Frank Murphy**

**********

**Club Mailing Address:**

**MSNA**
**Post Office Box 13504**
**Silver Spring, MD 20911-3504**

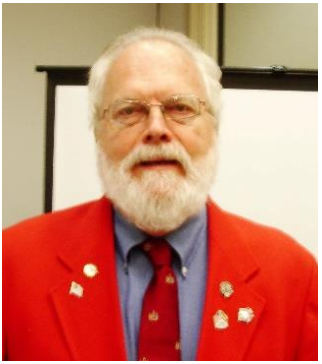
**********

The *Maryland Numismatist* content is copyrighted by its authors and may not be reproduced without their consent. MSNA assumes no responsibility for claims made in paid advertisements.

# Table of Contents


| | |
|---|---|
| Officer Listing | 2 |
| President's Message | 4 |
| Presidential Candidate Profile – Ken Swab | 4 |
| Member Club Profile – Baltimore Coin Club | 6 |
| ANA Show Results | 10 |
| VNA Show Results | 11 |
| Who Was Hermon MacNeil? | 13 |
| Local News | 17 |
| What's Your Sign? (Zodiac-themed medals and coins) | 19 |
| Exhibit Application | 25 |
| Ballot | 28 |
| Membership Renewal and Application | 29 |
| Maryland Coin Show Dates | 30 |
| Club Member Listing | 31 |
| Advertising Rates | 31 |

# President's Message



My current term as President of MSNA is coming to an end. This is my third separate term as President. With the upcoming election, we will elect a new President. Please continue to support the new MSNA President and Board. We still have some very important business and the new officers will need your support even more now than before.

MSNA has been a major component of the Maryland numismatic community since its inception in 1971. For, many years, MSNA sponsored a major summer show for Maryland collectors. With the advent of the three larger Whitman shows each year in Baltimore, this was no longer necessary, nor even feasible, as show prices had skyrocketed. As the hobby and its needs have changed, MSNA has been and still is looking to adjust to what makes sense for the current and future environment.

Lately, MSNA has been doing some housekeeping, organizing, and trying to adjust to present needs and challenges. MSNA needs all the volunteers that it can get. As a member, I suggest you volunteer for whatever you can when you can. This is your organization, please lend a hand.

---

Kenneth Swab has agreed to step in as president, as no one else has indicated interest in running. Like past presidents Scott Barman, Jack Schadegg, and Simcha Kuritzky, Ken Swab is active in the Montgomery County Coin Club. He has served as president and vice president a number of times, and is currently the librarian. He is also active with the Washington Numismatic Society and Bowie Coin Club. He is an American Numismatic Association member as well, and was a first-time exhibitor at the August World's Fair of money, placing second in the Regional U.S. Numismatics class. Ken first starting collecting more than 60 years ago when an aunt gave him a Whitman Lincoln cent folder and access to a five-gallon carboy filled with cents. He collects British Conder and Civil War tokens, as well as items related to Plattsburgh, New York, where he attended college. He also collects obsolete currency and national bank notes.

# Julian M. Leidman

One of America's **foremost** dealers in rare coins

Bonanza Coin
940 Wayne Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Telephone (301) 585-1480
Email: Julian@JulianCoin.com

**Professional Numismatic Dealer & Consultant for over 40 Years**

## What Have I Done?

I have handled, developed and sold many of the finest rare coin collections in the country including:

- Rare Colonial issues, including several 1792 issues
- Assemblage of specialized collections of all early U.S. coins by die variety
- Sale of the Wilkison Gold Pattern Collection in 1973
- Participation as a bourse dealer at hundreds of local, regional and national coin shows and conventions
- Attendance at every major U.S. auction held since 1968, representing as many as 25 bidders at the same time
- Consultation to corporations, dealers, and collectors in order to develop, build and expand collections as well as being instrumental in the promotion of the numismatic hobby
- Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Professional Numismatists Guild

## What Can I Do For You?

With total confidentiality, I will tailor my services to fit your needs, and:

- Assist in the formation (or location) of any U.S. coin or currency collection
- Counsel collectors, dealers and corporations on any aspect of the numismatic business or hobby
- Act as personal representative for any numismatic transaction at a maximum commission of 10%
- Appraise collections or individual pieces on an hourly basis
- Assist in the orderly disposition of holdings at current values

**LM #664**

P·N·G
Knowledge. Integrity. Responsibility.

OFFICIAL RED BOOK CONTRIBUTOR

[Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles profiling the various member clubs of MSNA.]

# MEMBER CLUB PROFILE
# **BALTIMORE COIN CLUB (BCC)**

Founded in 1935 and originally incorporated in 1936, the Baltimore Coin Club is believed to be the oldest continuously operating coin club in Maryland. Founders of the BCC included Frank G. Duffield (1866-1954), a longtime editor of *The Numismatist* who was inducted into the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Hall of Fame in its 1969 initial class. Famed numismatist Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr. (1896-1976), the first person to own a complete set of U.S. coins by date and mintmark, joined the BCC sometime before 1945. Numismatic researcher and writer Walter Breen (1928-1993) was a BCC member while a student at The Johns Hopkins University in the early 1950s. George J. Fuld (1932-2013), who, together with his father Melvin, wrote the standard reference works on Civil War tokens, was also a BCC member at one time.

The BCC is a member of the ANA and the MSNA and was among the host clubs of the four ANA conventions held in Baltimore in 1985, 1993, 2003 and 2008. BCC members Bill Lenz, Tom Palmer, and Ed Craig served respectively as General Show Chairmen of the 1985, 2003, and 2008 ANA conventions. Member Don Curtis served as Assistant General Show Chairman of the 2003 and 2008 ANA conventions.

The current incorporation of the BCC under the name The Baltimore Coin Club, Inc. dates from 2003 and was necessitated by the discovery that the original corporation had lapsed some years before. The BCC maintains a website, www.baltimorecoinclub.com, which has information on up-coming club meetings and club membership and includes the club bylaws and recent club publications, as well as contact information.

Current members of the BCC range from new and casual collectors to advanced numismatists with a wide range of interests. The more advanced members include two knowledgeable and advanced specialists in U.S. copper coins whose collections encompass the various series of half cents, large cents and small cents. BCC members also include collectors of various other series of U.S. and colonial coins by series and by type, world coins, currency, tokens, medals, and military scrip.

The BCC holds regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of most months in an assigned room on the second floor of the Grace United Methodist Church located at the corner of Northern Parkway and North Charles Street in Baltimore, close to I-83. Members and guests begin gathering for regular meetings at 7:00 P.M. The club holds an auction of mostly low-priced numismatic items consigned by members beginning at 7:45, with the meeting commencing afterwards around 8:15. Meetings generally conclude by 9:15. Regular meetings are not held if they conflict with the Whitman Coin Expo or when inclement weather has closed or dismissed early Baltimore City Public Schools. The BCC usually holds a holiday party at the regular meeting venue on one of the meeting dates in November or December in lieu of the regular meeting. The BCC also holds an annual banquet at a restaurant to recognize the installation of new club officers in lieu of one of its regular meetings, usually on the first Thursday in April. Information on upcoming meetings is regularly posted on the club's website.

Members who have brought items for show and tell have an opportunity to exhibit and answer questions about them. Most meetings include an educational program on a numismatic topic, which may be a talk by a member or the showing of an educational video.

Each regular meeting concludes with the awarding of door prizes, and also a raffle for which tickets are sold for $1 apiece or six for $5. The club also draws a door prize ticket for a “three leg prize.” The member who has won the “leg” at three different meetings is awarded a proof American Eagle silver bullion coin.

Guests are welcome to attend BCC meetings and are eligible to apply for membership after attending one meeting. Guests are required to apply for membership by their third meeting. Membership dues are currently $20 per year. Life memberships are also available, with the cost varying depending on the member's age. Members are entitled to participate in all club activities, to run for club offices at the annually held elections, and to borrow books from the club library.

The BCC raises most of its revenue by staffing the registration desk at the Whitman Coin Expo held three times annually at the Baltimore Convention Center. As coin clubs depend upon the contributions of their members for their continued existence and success, it is hoped that all members will make contributions of their knowledge and services to the Club. The results can be rewarding for all members.

# Coin Show

One Day Show Only

**Saturday, November 11, 2023 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Silver Dollars, Proof Sets, Gold & Silver Bullion, Rare Date Coins, Jewelry & more

**La Vale Fire Hall #1**
**421 National Highway La Vale, Md. 21502**

**More Info 1-301-777-7277**

# Coin Auction

300+ Lots

NO RESERVES

Saturday, October 28

8 am Lot Preview

10 am Auction Start

Auction Held in Meeting Room of Awesome Gifts

100 Baltimore Street

Cumberland, Md. 21502

Listing and Photos on auctionzip.com

Sponsored by Western Maryland Coin Club

More Info. 1-301-777-7277

# ANA Show Results

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) held the World's Fair of Money in August in Pittsburgh, the site that was scheduled for the 2020 show, cancelled due to the pandemic. ANA will be returning to Pittsburgh in 2026. This is an excellent site for Maryland residents, who mostly live a three- or four-hour drive from downtown Pittsburgh.

MSNA life member Michael Shutterly won two first-place exhibit class awards. His exhibit *It's Elementary!* in Specialties also won first runner-up Best of Show, and *Vive le Franc!* won first place in European Numismatics.

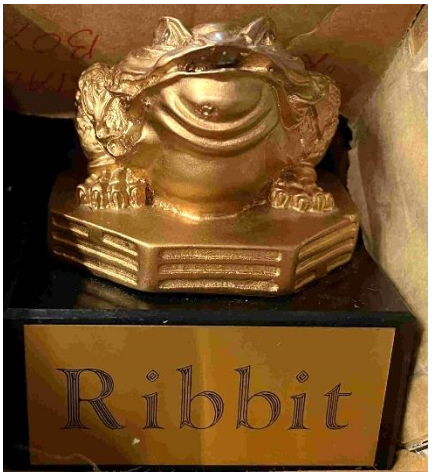
MSNA Editor and Treasurer Simcha Kuritzky was awarded ANA's Medal of Merit. He had two exhibits win first-place class awards: *Chaim Gross' Ten Commandments Sculpture Medals* in Modern Coins and Medals, and *Vermont's Catamount* in U.S. Commemorative Coinage. His exhibit *The Lion Monument at Tel Hai* won second place in the new Single Case class.

MSNA honorary life member David Schenkman received the NLG Ribbit award (see photo next page). David also received first place in the Heath Literary Award and second place in the Catherine Sheehan Literary Award for U.S. Paper Money Studies.

# VNA Show Results

MSNA members were in evidence at the Virginia Numismatic Association annual coin show in Fredericksburg, September 22-24. MSNA Editor and Treasurer Simcha Kuritzky won both the Individual First Class and the Jack Hepler Excellence in Exhibiting (Best of Show) awards for his exhibit *Medals of Puja* (Hindu worship).

Capitol Coin & Stamp Co. of Washington, D.C., Inc.
**Nelson Whitman**, President
Political memorabilia
Bank & estate appraisals
Rare coins & paper money
10-6 Monday-Friday
ANA, APIC
1616 H Street, NW
Suite B-1
Washington, D.C. 20006
Phone: 202-296-0400 Fax: 0401
e-mail: captncoin@aol.com
Website: www.capitolcoin.com




A photo of the Ribbit award presented by the Numismatics Literary Guild (NLG) to David Schenkman at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh. The Ribbit is given for good fellowship, basic humanity and approachability in addition to good writing.

# PAN SPRING COIN SHOW

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NUMISMATISTS
MCMLXXVIII

## MAY 16 - 18 THURS - SAT

Monroeville Convention Center
209 Mall Blvd, Monroeville, PA 15146

Show Chairman, Blaine Shiff
c/o Cybercoins.net 412.531.4100

150 TABLES
NO SALES TAX

VISIT US: www.PANcoins.org

email us: pancoins@gmail.com

Like Us On facebook

LIVE NOW

PAN Auctions

# Who Was Hermon MacNeil?

By Mark Benvenuto, MSNA #R-825

Collectors of the Standing Liberty quarter are aware that the design work is the artistry of Mr. Hermon Atkins MacNeil. Often though, many of us do not know any more about the artist than the name, and what coin-related legacy he has left behind. Yet his life is an interesting one, filled with some beautiful sculptures. Here's a few bits and pieces about a life well lived.

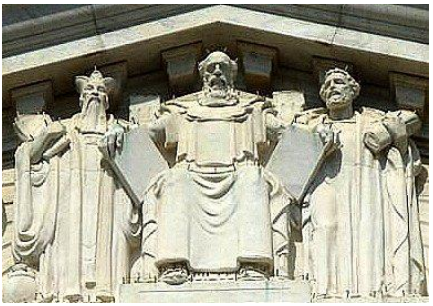
Mr. MacNeil was born in February of 1866, right after the Civil War. It is fair to say he was an artist for virtually his entire life, since he graduated in 1886 from what was then called the Massachusetts Normal Art School. The institution is one of our nation's oldest colleges devoted to the arts, and now goes by the name the Massachusetts College of Art and Design.

Back in MacNeil's day, it must have been easier to land an instructorship than it is today, as in 1886, he became an instructor at Cornell University in what are called the industrial arts. While that department seems to have disappeared or evolved, Cornell's College of Arts & Sciences today now has several departments into which a talent like MacNeil's would easily fit.

MacNeil's career did not find him rooted at Cornell. Rather, he studied in Paris under the both Alexandre Falguiere and Henri Chapu. Falguiere was accomplished and quite famous by the time MacNeil worked with him, having produced some truly beautiful and inspiring works starting in the 1850's. Chapu was also an accomplished sculptor when he and MacNeil worked together, and his statue of Joan of Arc – usually called by its French name, Jeanne d'Arc – remains a powerful, beautiful classic. Of importance, Chapu was also a leading medalist of his time, and must have had some influence on MacNeil's work on a smaller scale.

France was not MacNeil's only European home. He spent much of 1896 to 1900 in Rome on a scholarship to further his work and develop his talents.

To say that MacNeil's interests in different subjects was wide-ranging might be a bit of an understatement. One of his earlier, very famous sculptures was *The Sun Vow*, a truly gorgeous piece depicting two Native Americans, a young man observing a rite of passage and an elder who is teaching him. The original stands in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.



About as different from *The Sun Vow* as one can get, MacNeil also sculpted the William McKinley Monument, which stands in front of the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. It is a much more staid work. But these and other works he produced certainly put him in the crosshairs when in 1915 the United States Mint chose specific artists to submit designs for the dime, quarter and half dollar. Many collectors know that Adolph A. Weinman won this tightly limited contest for both the Mercury dime and Walking Liberty half dollar, and that Mr. MacNeil brought in the winning design for the quarter.

There has been a great deal written about the changes that were made early in the lifetime of the Standing Liberty quarter. MacNeil's original design had dolphins on the pedestals, so the gap in which Liberty stood represented the newly-opened Panama Canal. The first minted design

continues to have some fame, or perhaps notoriety, because of the bare-breasted figure of Lady Liberty on the obverse. The chain mail armor which covered the figure was added in what often gets called the Type 2 quarter. The idea of recessing the date into the small sliver of the design at the base of the obverse – called the exergue – came about only in 1925, and marks a point where many collectors start their Standing Liberty quarter collection. In other words, the raised date pieces from the earlier years are considered by some to be too expensive, and so a short set from 1925 to 1930 becomes the more affordable focus.

Mr. MacNeil was hardly the type to rest on his laurels, and produced numerous sculptures after his work on the Standing Liberty quarter was unveiled. He gave a significant amount of his time and talent to the production of his statue of Ezra Cornell, which was created in 1919, and which quite fittingly stands at Cornell University. Closer to Maryland, his work Justice, the Guardian of Liberty was created in 1935 and fills the east pediment of the United States Supreme Court building. The central design shows Moses the Law Giver flanked by Confucius and Solon.

Of interest to the numismatic community, MacNeil did design other medallic works. Picking just one example, he designed the New York Architectural League Medal, which serves as another example of his excellence in producing classically inspired images. Interestingly, he also designed the medal known as Prayer for Rain or as Hopi Prayer for Rain, as part of those medals created for the Society of Medalists. When it comes to medals like these, the numbers produced are routinely quite small, which means they are both difficult to find, and often expensive to own. The website HermonAtkinsMacNeil.com, from which most of these photos were taken, shows a rare silver version of the medal.

Mr. Hermon MacNeil undoubtedly lived a fascinating, productive life, one which saw some amazing artworks come from his gifted hands. For most of us today, getting our hands on any of it means digging into the Standing Liberty quarter series. A full run of all possible dates and mint marks can be expensive, but as we have just mentioned, those from 1925 to 1930, with the recessed date, can be much more affordable. The common dates within that time frame tend to cost about $125 for a mint state specimen, or MS-60. For those of us on tighter budgets, we can save quite a bit if we focus our collecting on pieces in almost uncirculated grades, or the AU-50 level. The best of luck to all of us who choose to dive into the works of the talented, productive Mr. MacNeil.

The Carroll County Coin Club
*Annual* Coin Show!
*DEALERS from* 4 *STATES of the storied Mid-Atlantic*
**Buying! Selling! Trading!**
*COINS, CURRENCY & a broad diversity of SUPPLIES!*
**Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM**
*Best Western Conference Center*
*451 WMC Drive*
*Westminster; Maryland 21158*
*50/50 cash raffle* * KIDS' TABLE *
FREE PARKING
**CARROLL COUNTY COIN CLUB** **LESTER A. WHITE**
ccccclub1967@gmail.com les.white.l@juno.com

## Local News

**Maryland State Numismatic Association** will hold their annual meeting at the Whitman Expo on Thursday, November 9 at 5:30 PM. The MSNA also received a plaque in **recognition** of 50 consecutive years of ANA membership (see photo on front cover).

In May, the **Montgomery County Coin Club** President **Jack Schadegg** spoke on Coins and Exonumia of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and in June, on Coin Roll Hunting. In July, they held a member bourse night. The August there was a short review of the ANA coin show in Pittsburgh, while the September meeting included a talk by Treasurer **Simcha Kuritzky** on classifying Israel's commemorative coinage. In October, **Jack Schadegg** spoke about selling on eBay.

In June, the **Washington Numismatic Society** held their twice annual pot-luck dinner with exhibits. In September, President **Simcha Kuritzky** gave a talk based on the MSNA exhibit he prepared, *American Dependence and Independence on Early Paper Money*. The October meeting featured the viewing of a video on the Roman double denarius (antoninianus).

**Coin Club Meeting Calendar (most months)**

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| First | | | | Baltimore |
| Second | Cambridge, Colonial | Montgomery, West Maryland | Belmar, MR, Bowie, Catonsville | |
| Third | Colonial (sometimes), Bel Mar | Washington Numis. Soc. | | Baltimore |
| Fourth | Carroll County | | Middle River (MR) | |

## Welcome New Members

851 Bruce Fall
852 Kenneth Swab

***NANSON NUMISMATICS***
**P.O. Box 271**
**Colora, MD 21917**
**Richard Nanson,** ANA LM-6012
**410-531-0180**
Coins, paper money, U.S.& foreign, mint and proof sets, medals, tokens
NansonNumismatics@zoominternet.net

The Colonial Coin Collectors Club (generally known as C4) will hold its annual convention alongside the Whitman Coin Expo November 9-11. C4 will meet at the Sheraton Inner Harbor hotel adjacent to the Baltimore Convention Center at the corner of Charles and Conway Streets. Some events will occur in room 304 of the convention center itself. To learn more, visit ColonialCoins.org or email President@colonialcoins.org.

**Thursday, Nov. 9**

| | |
|---|---|
| 3:00 PM | Study Group |
| 6:00 PM | Social |
| 7:00 PM | Donated book auction |
| 7:45 PM | Mr. Shelby speaks on *Metal Detecting and its Impact on Colonial Numismatics* |
| 9:00 PM | Dr. Kraft on *Cache on the Barrelhead: How Hoards and Shipwrecks have Impacted Colonial Numismatics* |

**Friday, Nov. 10**

| | |
|---|---|
| 8:00 AM | Publications committee meeting |
| 2:00 PM | Jim Glickman on *Collecting American Colonials* |
| 3:00 PM | Study Group |
| 7:00 PM | Colonial Happening. Five tables each devoted to a different topic: backed/sewn/pinned notes, Vermont coinage, New Jersey coinage, metal detecting, and counter-stamped. |

**Saturday, Nov. 11**

| | |
|---|---|
| 9:30 AM | Annual business meeting |
| 10:30 AM | Ray Williams on *Continental Currency: the Paper Money that Funded our American Revolution* |

LOPEZ & ASSOCIATES
INTERNATIONAL
**P. O. Box 59**
**Timonium, MD 21094**
Full Service Numismatist
(Buying, selling, appraisals, consulting, investments)
Authorized dealer for Eagle supplies and certified coin albums
**Miguel A. López** **(410) 302-1807**
**www.LAINumismatics.com** **e-mail: miguell1@aol.com**

# What's Your Sign?

Part Fifty-Five: Israel Private Zodiac Jewelry

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

I mentioned way back in part one that the Hebrew word for star or constellation, מזל *mazal*, became the word for luck, so it is common for Jewish amulets or amuletic jewelry to show zodiac signs. The art school Bezalel (pronounced Betsal-EL), named after the Biblical artisan who designed the Tabernacle, was founded in Jerusalem in 1906 when it was still under Ottoman rule. I have come across a bracelet and pendants with the 12 zodiac signs and the associated month in Paleo-Hebrew script. This lettering was used in the time of the Judges and the First Temple, and began to give way to the Aramaic or modern Hebrew script during the Babylonian exile starting in 586 BCE. The Aramaic alphabet was used by the Babylonians and Persians in their western satrapies, which is ironic in that the names Jews use today for the months is based on the Babylonian. Because Jewish months are lunar, there is no way to realistically indicate when the sun is in the associated zodiac sign, so the Jews don't even bother. Each month of 29 or 30 days has one sign, and the thirteenth month which is added roughly every 3 years to catch up with the solar year repeats the twelfth month's sign. Below are the panels of the bracelet arranged in a rectangle. Each panel is 10x10mm, and the entire bracelet weights 6.5 grams.

| Sign | Month name | symbol | Range* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aries | Nisan | Ram | Mar 12-May 10 |
| Taurus | Iyar | Bull | Apr 11-June 8 |
| Gemini | Sivan | Twins | May 10-July 8 |
| Cancer | Tamuz | Crawfish | June 9-Aug 6 |
| Leo | Av | Lion | July 8-Sep 5 |
| Virgo | Elul | Woman | Aug 7-Oct 4 |
| Libra | Tishri | Scales | Sep 5-Nov 3 |
| Scorpio | Heshvan | Scorpion | Oct 5-Dec 2 |
| Sagittarius | Kislev | Archer | Nov 4-Jan 1 |
| Capricorn | Tevet | Goat | Dec 4-Jan 30 |
| Aquarius | Shevat | Man, bucket | Jan 1-Mar 1 |
| Pisces | Adar | 2 Fish | Jan 31-Apr 10 |

*Given are the earliest and latest Gregorian dates for that month during 1900-2020. Adar is two months long in Jewish leap years.

The pendants are 23x23mm, so they have room for more detailed designs. So far, I have only been able to find examples of the Taurus and Leo. These weigh 4.4 grams and are marked 925 fine silver on the reverse.

This pendant has a standard reverse of the 12 zodiac signs with their Latin names in a circle and a blue glass bead in the center. The obverse has instead the 12 sigils in a circle, while the center has Bezeq (Israel's first telecommunications company, founded in 1984) in large letters and National Workers' Organization below in Hebrew. It appears to be pewter, 38mm in diameter with a weight of 13.5 grams.

This set of 35x50mm 24.5 gram pendants are much more modern and stylized. The Hebrew name for Twins, Scorpion, and Bow appear at top with the dates in DD.MM format. Beneath a line of 6 dashes is the zodiac figure. All the lines are incuse. The reverse side of each has a hexagram at top and the Traveler's Prayer (literally, Prayer for the Path) as follows: May it be Your will, our God, that we may be in peace, arrive in peace, return in peace, and give us grace, kindness, mercy in your eyes, and in the eyes of all who see us. Blessed are you, God who listens to prayer.

In the U.S., we often find jewelry in the shape of horseshoes or clovers for luck; in Israel the preferred form is the *hamsa*. Based on the Arabic word حمس *hams* which means five, it refers to the five fingers on one hand (although, often it has two thumbs), cognate to the Hebrew חמש *hamesh*. The first letter of these words is a heavily aspirated *h* sometimes transliterated *kh*. There are a number of zodiac-themed *hamsa* pendants for keychains or necklaces, and I will show the ones I have found.

This set of 28x24mm 4.4 gram pendants is the most complete I have, missing only Leo and Pisces. At the end of each line, I show the reverse side which has a floral pattern that differs on each one (I don't know if

they differ within sign as well since I have only one of each). They includes the maker name Dior in Latin letters. I bought these from Israel, but it is possible they were not produced there.

| Zodiac Sign | | Hebrew Name | Dates |
|---|---|---|---|
| ♈ | Aries | Taleh טלה | Mar 21 – Apr 19 |
| ♉ | Taurus | Shor שור | Apr 20 – May 20 |
| ♊ | Gemini | Te'umim תאומים | May 21 – June 21 |
| ♋ | Cancer | Sartan סרטן | June 22 – July 22 |
| ♌ | Leo | Aryeh אריה | July 23 – Aug 22 |
| ♍ | Virgo | Betulah בתולה | Aug 23 – Sept 22 |
| ♎ | Libra | Moznayim מאזנים | Sept 23 – Oct 23 |
| ♏ | Scorpio | Akrav עקרב | Oct 24 – Nov 21 |
| ♐ | Sagittarius | Keshet קשת | Nov 22 – Dec 21 |
| ♑ | Capricorn | Gedi גדי | Dec 22 – Jan 20 |
| ♒ | Aquarius | Deli דלי | Jan 21 – Feb 18 |
| ♓ | Pisces | Dagim דגים | Feb 19 – Mar 20 |

These five *hamsa* pendants have blue enamel backgrounds for the figures and the dots on the fingers. I only have Taurus, Cancer, Sagittarius, Capricorn, and Aquarius. At top is the name in Hebrew and dates in DD.MM format going right to left. The reverse has the Traveler's Prayer, though slightly abbreviated from the rectangular pendants shown above. These are 37x44mm and weigh 23 grams.

This next set is very similar, but has inset blue rhinestones on the fingers instead of enameling. I only have the Gemini, Virgo, and Scorpio of this set. The back has the same version of the Travelers' Prayer as the previous version, though the title is straight and the previous version had it curved. These measure 34x44mm and weigh 13 grams.

These three large pendants (46x34mm, 23.8 grams) are oval but with a rotating *hamsa* in the middle. The frame has the name at top and the dates in DD.MM format at bottom, English on one side and Hebrew on the other. The *hamsa* insert has the zodiac figure gilded at top and the dates below. The insert reverse has a longer version of the Travelers' Prayer.

Here are three more pendants from different series. The first one on the left (26x40mm, 8.5g) has an eye at bottom (to protect from the Evil Eye) with *lemazal* above, which can be translated both as For Luck or To the Constellation. The other side has the balance scales and Libra in Hebrew. All the designs and lettering are incuse. The second (27x37mm, 12.1g) also has an eye at bottom but the Aquarius sign and Hebrew name are on the same side, while the other side has the sigil and dates. The third (32x22mm, 5.6g) has a distorted Gemini sigil on one side that looks more like Pisces. The other has the dates above and below the Hebrew name in cursive script.

One bronze item which I think was intended as a watch fob, shows the zodiac sign Virgo as a naked woman standing between two trees. At top is the month name Elul in Hebrew, with September below (although frequently Elul begins in August). The round part is 45mm and it weighs 31.5 grams. It has fairly high relief but the back is completely blank. Next to it is a 35mm half ounce (15.6g) silver medal showing high relief zodiac symbols in a circle on the obverse and a scorpion above the Elbit Systems logo (although literally it is Elbit Electronics). Elbit was founded in 1996.

**MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**
**March 21 – 23, 2024**

At: Baltimore Convention Center
One West Pratt St., Baltimore, Maryland

## EXHIBIT RULES

1. Exhibit applications should be received no later than February 1, 2024. Applications received after that date will be accepted only if space and cases are available.
2. All exhibits are to be in place by 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 21, 2024 and are not to be removed without permission of the Exhibit Chairman prior to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 23, 2024.
3. It is understood that your exhibit case(s) will be opened **ONLY** in your presence.
4. All keys are to be retained by the Exhibit Chairman or their proxy.
5. All materials in a display must be the exclusive property of the exhibitor.
6. Any material in a display which is not genuine must be so identified.
7. The name or identity of exhibitors shall not appear on exhibits.
8. No exhibit shall contain advertising for items that are for sale.
9. The right is reserved to restrict material outside of the exhibit case(s), which might distract attention from other exhibits.
10. The maximum number of cases per single exhibit is six (6). If more than one exhibit is entered by a single exhibitor, there will be a maximum of ten (10) cases total.
11. The awards will include a Best of Show Award, Master (second place) and Superior (third). Appreciation awards will be given to all other exhibitors. Collectors may enter more than one exhibit, but <u>will be entitled to receive only ONE award</u>.

## EXHIBIT SET-UP HOURS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday | March 21, 2024 | 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. |
| Friday | March 23, 2024 | 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. |

## EXHIBITS MAY BE REMOVED AFTER 1 PM ON SATURDAY

## EXHIBIT AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 202__ by the **MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC., Baltimore Convention Center, and Whitman Coin & Collectibles Expo LLC,** hereinafter referred to as party of the first part; and _____ hereinafter referred to as party of the second part.

**WITNESSETH:** That for and in consideration of the opportunity to exhibit numismatic material which may consist of, but shall not be limited to, coins, tokens, medals, paper currency, and to compete against other exhibits for awards, the said parties mutually agree as follows:

**I.** That the party of the first part will provide security guards for the Bourse and Exhibit areas during the period of the show, and the presence of the security guards is provided as a convenience only and is not intended to be an expressed or implied warranty of guarantee against any loss or injury whatsoever.

**II.** That the party of the second part hereby remits, releases and forever discharges the party of the first part, its officers, committees, member clubs, host clubs, members and employees either in their official corporate capacity, or in their individual or personnel capacity of and from all manner of actions, causes of actions, suits, proceedings, debts, contracts, judgments, damages, claims, and any loss, theft or damage of any kind which may occur to its possessions and exhibits howsoever sustained either directly or indirectly in connection with said convention and show including but not limited to the Bourse-Exhibit area or other convention space, and the street area near the Baltimore Convention Center and that the party of the first part, its officers, committees, club members, host clubs, or employees, may plead this release in bar of any claim demand, or cause of action instituted by the party of the second part.

**III.** That the party of the second part does, by this instrument, covenant with the said party of the first part to forever refrain from instituting or in any way aiding any claim, demand, action or cause of action, for damages, as a result of any loss or theft to the party of the second part during the said convention and show.

**AS WITNESS** the following signatures and seals this _____ day of _____, 202__.

**MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

BY: _____ (MSNA Official)
Party of the first part

BY: _____ (Exhibitor)
Party of the Second part

BY: _____
Guardian if Exhibitor is under 18 years of age.

**MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**
**March 21 – 23, 2024**
**Baltimore Convention Center**
**One West Pratt St.**
**Baltimore, Maryland**

**EXHIBITOR: (please print)** Date: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (residence)_____(mobile)_____

CLUB AFFILIATION(S): _____

_____

MY EXHIBIT WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS: **JUNIOR** _____(UNDER 18)
**SENIOR** _____

MY EXHIBIT WILL BE: **COMPETITIVE** _____ **NON-COMPETITIVE** _____

**TYPE OF NUMISMATIC MATERIAL TO BE EXHIBITED:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| U.S. COINS | _____ | FOREIGN COINS | _____ |
| U.S. PAPER MONEY | _____ | FOREIGN PAPER MONEY | _____ |
| MEDALS | _____ | ANCIENT COINS | _____ |
| TOKENS | _____ | GOLD | _____ |

OTHER (Please specify) _____

TITLE OF EXHIBIT: _____

NUMBER OF CASES (Maximum of 6):

_____ I WILL NEED ____ CASES

_____ I HAVE MY OWN CASES

CASES TO BE FLAT ON TABLE: **HORIZONTAL**_____**VERTICAL** _____
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

_____

MAIL SIGNED APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT TO:

**MSNA Exhibits**
**PO Box 13504**
**Silver Spring, MD 20911-3504**

**or email Word, PDF or JPEG copy to**
**JoyousLion@Gmail.com**

**EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE**_____

If exhibitor is under 18 please add
**LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**_____

# Ballot

MSNA by-laws require an annual election in which all paid-up members can participate. Please include your name on the envelope and vote for one candidate per office or write in your candidate. As mentioned in the President's Message, we are looking for a new president and vice president. The results will be announced at the MSNA annual meeting at 5:30 PM on Thursday, November 9 at the Baltimore Convention Center during the Whitman Expo.

**President**

☐ Kenneth Swab

☐ _____ (write-in)

**Vice President**

☐ Thomas Betsock

☐ _____ (write-in)

**Secretary**

☐ Sandon Cohen

☐ _____ (write-in)

**Treasurer**

☐ Simcha Kuritzky, CPA

☐ _____ ____ (write-in)

Ballots should be emailed to JoyousLion@gmail.com or physically mailed to be received no later than November 6 to:

MSNA Election
PO Box 13504
Silver Spring, MD 20911-3504

**Maryland State Numismatic Association, Inc.**
**P. O. Box 13504**
**Silver Spring, MD 20911-3504**

***Dedicated to attaining knowledge and fulfillment in Numismatics***

# Membership Application/Renewal

Date: _____ MSNA #:_____ (for renewal)

I hereby apply for membership/renewal in the Maryland State Numismatic Association, Inc., subject to its constitution & by-laws. (Please Print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY: _____STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____

☐ Tax-deductible donation to MSNA $ _____
If ANA member, please give us the ANA Number _____

*The items below are only requested for original membership application:*

Numismatic specialties: _____

_____

Other Numismatic Affiliations: _____

---

Signature: _____

Sponsor No. 1: _____

Sponsor No. 2: _____
For junior membership please include:

Guardian Signature: _____ Birth Year: _____

Fee of $15 (club), $10 (individual) or $2 (under 18) must accompany this form for calendar year dues ($5 individual after August 1). Life member upgrades are: $300 for clubs, $200 (age 50 & under), $125 (51-65), $75 (66 & over). You must be a regular member for 3 years before attaining life membership. Pay by check or money order.

# Maryland Coin Show Dates

All shows have free admission. Only the Whitman show does not have free parking.

**4 Nov. – Cambridge Coin Show,** American Legion Post 91, 98 Sunburst Highway (Route 50), Cambridge, MD; 10-4.

**9-11 Nov. – Whitman Baltimore Winter Expo**, Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt Street; Thu 2-6, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun. 10-3.

**18 Nov.** – **Carroll County Coin Club Show**, Best Western Conference Center, Route 140 at WMC Drive, Westminster, MD; 9:30-5.

**2 Dec. – Baltimore Stamp & Coin Show,** Maryland State Fair Grounds, Mosner Miller Building, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD; 9-4.

**3 Dec. – Hunt Valley Coin and Currency Show**, Embassy Suites, 213 International Circle, Hunt Valley, MD; 9-4. (410) 929-8178

**2024**

**24 Feb. – Interstate Coin Show, Elks Lodge 378**, 11063 Robinhood Drive, Hagerstown, MD. Sat. 10-4.

# Northern Virginia Coin Show Dates

**4-5 Nov. – Vienna Coin & Stamp Show**, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna, VA; Sat 10-6, Sun. 10-4.

**9-10 Dec. – Annandale Coin Show**, Nova Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA; Sat 10-5, Sun. 10-4.

**15 Dec. – Winchester Coin Club Show**, Friendship Fire Company Bingo Hall, 627 N. Pleasant Valley Road, Winchester, VA; 9-4.

# South Pennsylvania Coin Show Dates

**24-25 Nov. – Battlefield Coin Show**, Eisenhower Hotel Ballroom, 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-3.

# MEMBER CLUBS IN GOOD STANDING (* denotes charter)

| | |
|---|---|
| Baltimore Coin Club *<br>P. O. Box 43681<br>Baltimore, MD 21236<br>(410) 284-8382 | Bowie Coin Club<br>P. O. Box 913<br>Bowie, MD 20718-0913<br>bowiecoinclub.com<br>bowiecoinclub@verizon.net |
| Cambridge Coin Club<br>P. O. Box 932<br>Cambridge, MD 21613<br>umesgrad@gmail.com | Carroll County Coin Club*<br>% Lester A. White<br>10 West Main Street<br>Westminster, MD 21157<br>Les.white.1@juno.com |
| Colonial Coin Club *<br>3015 Love Point Road<br>Stevensville, MD 21666<br>bettymeck@aol.com | Maryland Token & Medal Society<br>P. O. Box 28253<br>Parkville, MD 21234<br>mdtams.org<br>leonard_cicero47@verizon.net |
| Montgomery County<br>Coin Club<br>P. O. Box13504<br>Silver Spring, MD 20911<br>montgomerycoin@gmail.com | Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists<br>1985 Lincoln Way<br>Suite 23 #225<br>White Oak, PA 15131<br>www.pancoins.org |
| | South Glen Burnie Coin Club<br>% Darrel King<br>8017 Clark Station Road<br>Severn, MD 21144<br>sgbcc.com |
| Washington Numismatic Society<br>P. O. Box 13504<br>Silver Spring, MD 20911 wns.anaclubs.org<br>JoyousLion@gmail.com | Western Maryland Coin Club*<br>100 Baltimore Street<br>Cumberland, MD 21502 |

**ADVERTISING IN THE MARYLAND NUMISMATIST**

| | | Per Issue: | 2 Issues: | 3 Issues: |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1 Page** | @ | $25.00 | $45.00 | $67.50 |
| **3/4 Page** | @ | $20.00 | $36.00 | $54.00 |
| **1/2 Page** | @ | $15.00 | $27.00 | $40.00 |
| **1/4 Page** | @ | $10.00 | $18.00 | $27.00 |
| **1/8 Page** | @ | $ 6.00 | $10.00 | $15.00 |

**Issue Dates and Approximate Deadlines for 2021:**

| | Spring | Summer | Autumn |
|---|---|---|---|
| Content due: | February 1 | May 15 | September 15 |
| In Mail: | February 15 | June 1 | October 1 |

**Send all ads and checks or articles for publication to:**

MSNA Editor
Post Office Box 13504
Silver Spring, MD 20911-3504

or via E-Mail to:
JoyousLion@gmail.com
Please include your full name.

Maryland State
Numismatic Association
P. O. Box 13504
Silver Spring, MD
20911-3504

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED